

Give thanks for:

All the young people who attend our events

Hill End. For all the young people who attended and experienced God's power at work. For all the friendships, fun and memories formed there. Hill End was a powerful, fantastic weekend and the young people came away excited and happy. Please pray that this excitement for God continues.

All the amazing opportunities this church has to connect with young people in so many ways. Pray we make the most of all the opportunities.

House groups

There are currently 3. One for girls in school years 7-9 run by Victoria Undritz & Liz Francis, one for boys in school years 7-9 and one for boys in school years 10+ both run by Nick Francis.

Please pray that these groups will be a place of fun, friendships and faith growing. Pray for the leaders' creativity and inspiration as they plan sessions and pray for the young people's enthusiasm and willingness to attend.

Please also pray that we find somebody to host a house group for girls in school years 10+ as Debs Last has stepped back after running it for quite a while.

Team Growth

Over the summer we have lost both Emma Podmore and Becca Flint to university, and after Christmas Victoria will be stopping her involvement in everything except house group. This leaves the youth team under immense pressure - particularly regarding React, but also in other areas of the youth work. Whilst the list below does look quite large, a lot of the help is not regular (but is appreciated!), and to run React effectively with enough leaders in every room at least 4-5 leaders are needed every Saturday night.

Please pray that God will speak to members of Well Street and inspire and challenge them to commit to the youth work. Ask God to open their eyes to see the fantastic opportunities and amazing experience that youth work is.

Please also pray that the remaining team members will feel supported, not over burdened and able to carry on with the youth work and also maintain their own spiritual and social life.

Chill'n'Chat

Chill'n'Chat happens after the evening service for young people in school years 10+. It is an informal social with discussion, sometimes based around the sermon but also around topics the young people want to discuss.

Please pray that the leaders make the most of the opportunities this presents and that the young people find it enjoyable, attractive and useful to their needs.

The Team

The people who currently help out in various areas of the youth work are:

React:

Nick Francis
Matt Downing
Andy Frost
Andy Wiseman
Jill Townsend
Stephen Townsend

Housegroups:

Victoria Undritz
Liz Francis
Nick Francis

Proteens:

Nick Francis
Andy Ogden

Chill' n' Chat:

Nick Francis
Stephen
Townsend
Jill Townsend
Melanie
Goddard
Roger Goddard
Mike Ennis
Jenny Ennis
Steve Hallett

Growth in React

Since it's move to Saturday nights, React has shown excellent potential, particularly with the younger school years. Please pray that this continues and that the outreach and evangelism opportunities we have through React will not be missed or neglected.

Please also pray that through React we will be able to connect the young people to God and to church and help them see that church is accessible and a positive experience for them.

Proteens

Proteens is our bible study session that occurs during both the morning and evening service for young people in school years 7-9. It is an excellent time with the young people. Please pray that the leaders use that time effectively and that the young people who attend learn and grow.

Young people in the Church

Please pray that church youth would feel supported & nourished by our services:

It can be very easy sometimes to continually focus outwards and forget your own flock. Please pray that this does not happen.

Our own youth are essential to the church, and to encouraging and supporting new young people coming through the youth work and into the church. Please pray that the youth already attending Well Street feel comfortable and able to worship, learn and be challenged here. Please pray that the church services supply their needs and the congregations are open and supportive to our young people.

Youth Interaction & Involvement in services

The youth not only need to attend church, they need to be involved if they are to feel like they belong. Please pray that suitable opportunities will arise, and that the young people will have the courage to stand up and take part.

Schools work

Nick is investing a lot of time in to the Royal Latin School Christian Union and is co-leading it with one of the sixth-formers. Please pray that the young people of Well Street will want to attend the Christian Union and will find it an exciting and God-filled place.

Nick is also spending some time with Bridgebuilders Trust to increase his experience in schools work so he can further his work in Buckingham schools. Please pray that this time is spent wisely and is beneficial and that the secondary schools in the Buckingham area become open to allowing him, and other church workers, in.